

Our Student Leadership Team attended a Crew day for Live 4 Life at the West Gippsland Arts Centre today.

We heard from motivational speaker, Kano from on developing our public speaking skills. Zoe and the team then discussed what our whole school activity will be to promote Youth Mental Health!



Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 19, Tuesday 6th August 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Friday 9th

- **Parents & Friends Morning Tea at Coffee Vibes**

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd

- **Book Week,**
- * **Dress Up Day on Friday ***

Friday 30th

FATHER'S DAY STALL
10am to 2pm

Hi WDSS students and families.

Welcome to Term 3 Week 4.

Gee, it's lovely to see the sun shining and maybe a bit of Spring in the air!

This week teachers are free after school for SSG meetings. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not made a time to meet yet. It is an opportunity for a midyear discussion on how your child's goals are tracking.

The P & F are keen to have more families involved in our school. This Friday the P & F are meeting at Coffee Vibes at 9.30am. They will be organising a Fathers Day stall in August so will need lots of helpers. The P & F also assist the SRC in a number of events over the year and the help is really appreciated. Contact the school if you would like to be more involved.

Reminder for families to come and join in the fun at the Book Week parade on Friday 23rd August at 9.30am. We had lots of fun last year and it's a chance for families to get together in a fun atmosphere.

Our student leadership team have headed off to a Live4Life planning day with students from a number of secondary schools in the Baw Baw area. Students develop their leadership skills and learn more about mental health well being.

Can you believe that we've been at school for over 100 days? To celebrate Room 3 & 4 will be doing 100 days activities on Friday 16th Aug. Families can come to junior assembly at 2.35pm to see the Parade of Colours.

Have a great week everyone and enjoy the sunshine.



Our Commitment to Child Safety

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Warragul & District Specialist School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the safety of children with a disability as well the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Every person involved in Warragul & District Specialist School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Reading is Magic

Children's Book week®



Dress up as your favourite Book
Character for our
staff & student Parade on
Friday 23rd August at 9:30am,
Parents, Families & Friends invited
to join in on the fun...
Prizes for Best Dressed in
each class!





To celebrate **100 days** of our **Foundation Students**, we will have a '**100 Days Brighter**' celebration next Friday 16th August.

Foundation Students are invited to dress in their most **colourful** outfits, as we participate in **colourful** themed activities across the day.

Our Foundation Students have learnt so much, and are such **Superstars**, let's all **CELEBRATE** their achievements!

FATHER'S DAY STALL

WDSS Parents & Friends are holding a Fathers Day Stall on Friday 30th August from 10am to 2pm at the school...

- Gifts will be priced at \$3, \$5 & \$10.
- Please send in money in a named envelope
- Students will shop with their classes to buy something for their dad, step-dad (or grandad / uncles).
- We will also have some items for other special people in their lives.

**~ PARENTS HELPERS AND/OR DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME ~
(Prior to & on the day) - please contact the school for info.**



Juniors

Room 4

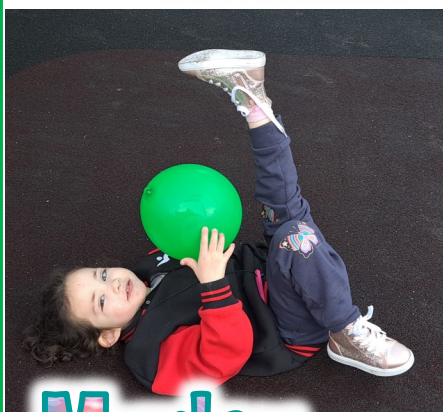
Room 4 Students have bounced back into Term 3 ready to learn and make the most of every day at school! Whether it is classroom learning, therapy or playtime, they are always ready to give things a go!



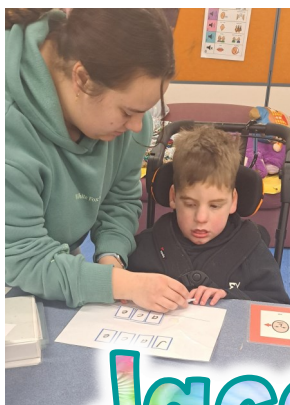
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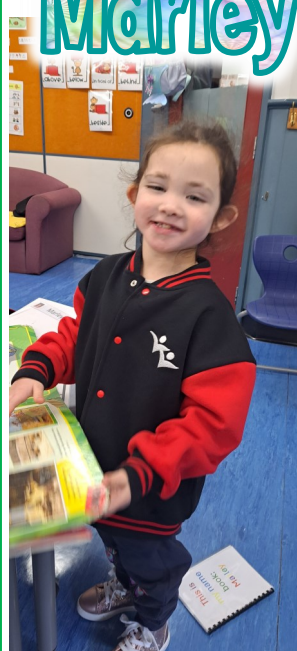
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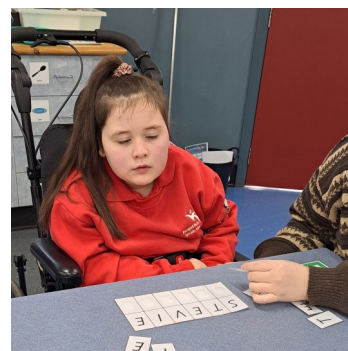
Marley



Jace



Stevie



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School and selected Junior Students started their Soccer Clinic last week and there were some excellent skills on show! The clinic is run by Football Australia and will continue for the next few weeks.



FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

Vincent



Piper



Srihas



Ben



Jack



SENIORS

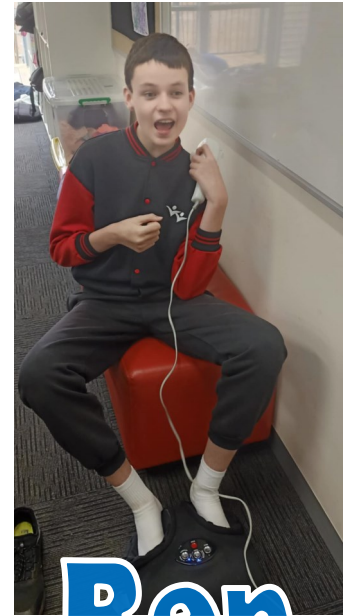
Our Monday ILS class had a fun time last week when Sharon got the massage machines out! There were a few giggles all round as you can see.....



Macy



Dean



Ben

Alex and Jirrah LOVE their Therapy sessions with Megan. Here they are working hard and paying attention to Megan and her instructions!





Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



OLIVIA

Being **SAFE** – walking to and from the bus and following instructions.



XANDER

Being a **LEARNER** – participating in gross motor activities and following instructions.



JAX

Being **SAFE** - following instructions and coming inside when asked too at the end of recess.



MARLEY

Walking **SAFELY** to the bus and being **SAFE** at the park.



JACOB

Being a **LEARNER** - and working hard on his comprehension skills.



LAYLA

Being a **LEARNER** by working hard in literacy and numeracy.



PIPER

Being **RESPECTFUL** by always being kind and helpful to her peers.



DOMINIC

Working hard during literacy sessions and reading his daily paragraph with staff. Great Reading Dom!



TASH

Being a **LEARNER** by having a go and participating in her work



HAVEN

For being a **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER** going shopping at Coles, getting the ingredients for cooking and having safe hands and safe feet. Well done Haven!



THE CASSIDY CREW



B OYS CLUB

Every Tuesday 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Boys Club After School

A vibrant hub where friendships bloom and
adventures are made.

For more information contact our events team on
1800 60 10 20 or events@cassidycrew.com.au

ADULTS AT KIDS PRICES

SATURDAY'S SESSION IS SENSORY FRIENDLY
WITH LOWERED SOUND & DIMMED LIGHTING

10.00AM SATURDAY 10TH & SUNDAY 11TH AUG

CHRIS PRATT SAMUEL L. JACKSON

THE GARFIELD MOVIE



ONLY IN CINEMAS
MAY 24

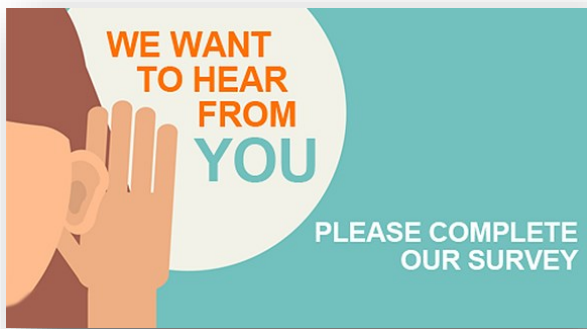


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TICKETS ON SALE NOW
PENINSULACINEMAS.COM.AU



2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Dear Parent / Carer

Families will be asked to participate in the 2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. This randomly selected survey will be emailed out to selected families this week. The Department of Education has contracted ORIMA Research (ORIMA) to conduct the survey. ORIMA is Australia's leading provider of end-to-end research and data analytics services to the public and not-for-profit sector.

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey with the school community.

A random sample of approximately 75 per cent of parents / caregivers / guardians will be selected to participate in this year's survey.

Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

- The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete.
- The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open from Monday 29th July August to Friday 30th August 2024.

The survey is available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please be assured that your responses will be completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously, and it is important to us that if you receive the survey to complete it as soon as possible.

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any general queries about the survey. For specific technical or participation-related queries, you may also contact the department or the supplier administering the survey, ORIMA Research.

Should you have any technical queries regarding the Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey, please do not hesitate to contact ORIMA Research on 1800 654 585 (toll-free during business hours), or by email: pos@orima.com.

Should you have any participation or survey-related queries, please contact the school, or the department by email: school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

The department and ORIMA protect your responses in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic), the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic) and the *Public Records Act 1973* (Vic). For more information, please visit ORIMA's [Privacy Policy](#), and the department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Yours sincerely,
Matthew Hyde
Principal



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